



Serial No. 09/440,106
filed "Surgical Devices for Imposing a
Negative Pressure to Stabilize Cardiac
Tissue During Surgery"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

CHARLES S. TAYLOR

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: **SURGICAL DEVICES FOR
IMPOSING A NEGATIVE PRESSURE
TO STABILIZE CARDIAC TISSUE
DURING SURGERY**

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amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, insert -- This is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No.
08/870,687 filed on June 6, 1997, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/603,328 filed on February 20,

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